

## **HIERARCHY 05**

Back in the middle of the 19th century Mikhail Bakunin predicted the clash between the new Prussian hegemony with imperialistic Russia. He foresaw with fifty years anticipation the World Wars. He foresaw the superiority of the new German state, not only a technological superiority but most scarily so a superiority in a numb loyalty of the more bourgeois Germans versus the wilder and more nature connected Russian folk far more inclined to desert and disobey their emperor.

Bakunin was not given any credits then and he is still not given any credits now for having warned about the dangerous hegemony Prussianized Germany was piling up. On the contrary he is discredited as a violent agitator, the man standing on the barricades of the Paris communes inciting and encouraging the mob to fight against the advancing Prussian army. More recently scholars have accused him of envisioning some sort of dictatorial gestapo so as to be more in control of the libertarian ideas he so much preached about. Indeed Bakunin, the former Russian aristocrat more or less directly influenced the propaganda of the deed encouraging isolated figures to commit terror attacks against despots.

These violent and isolated terror attacks have forever stigmatized the anarchist movement and any anarchist thinker. Putting it bluntly, anarchism has always been one of the most peace-advocating political ideologies, much against the organized crimes against humanity of all other political ideologies. The isolated and disorganized violence of anarchism can be seen as a desperate attempt by individuals who sense the massive violence and destruction that the state with its hierarchy and domination will bring about especially in its rise to become the new hegemony. If millions have died under fascism and communism, anarchists might have killed a few hundred and all very despotic figures who in their power agenda contributed or were in the process to contribute to the killing of thousands of innocents.

The majority of the working class during Bakunin time was fully adhering with anarchism and his thinking. Later this majority was sent to die in the games of the power holders of the world hegemonies, the ship captains they so much wanted to abolish. After being baptized by a shower of bullets and radioactivity this once anarchist majority has turned into a most innocent and malleable crew which the captains can easily govern. This crew has had very little or no experience of life

outside the ship. In this respect all the crews of all the ships representing the hegemonic states around the world have been or are anyway close to being Germanized.

With more or less effort both the environment of the ship and its captains have managed to turn the crew into apathetic bourgeois who have no other options but to comply with its highly industrial and efficient routines. Arkism is aware that these Germanized crew can be easily stirred for the cause of their motherships especially when the confrontation with other ships is never direct but more like in a video-game. Now the adjective Germanized is used here rather arbitrarily as prior to becoming a unified nation, German small principalities also suffered under the hegemony of the French state.

In this respect the issue here is not to point the finger at one or another group of people but rather to point the finger at the state construction they have more or less willingly set up. Now the making of a solid state go hand in hand with its environment, the resources it offers and whether this environment is more or less suitable to be exploited and set up a sort of capitalistic industry which will sooner or later lead to the creation of an ever more powerful and greedy elite and the whole law apparatus to overlook at their riches and the smaller riches of the middle class they necessarily develop especially with the use of machines and the need to operate them and administrate the overall outcome.

The issue here is that any form of power structure will create injustice. Now power structures can just deliver injustice in a different type and space yet the intensity of it is exponentially equal to the power it retains. In a Germany made up of different small autonomous states where guilds ensured worker rights and dealt with local issues directly and with the consensus of the entire community, injustices were certainly mitigated. This point was already made by the German economist Leopold Kohr warning that a European union could only function after the nations, and especially Germany would break back into pieces.

Presently there seems nothing to worry about. The states are solid and solid appears to be the relationships between the different European nations. In reality as Kohr predicted Germany has taken the upper hand and the states marginal to it are struggling and even more so are struggling the third class ships outside Europe that have to provide to the first class ship of the Germanic block with raw materials and so forth. If it is an absolute truth that any form of hegemony leads to war and

destruction in the case of the more refined ship-civilization, this occurs in another magnitude. It may not kill humans directly this time but it certainly contributes to the destruction of the planet which in turn also will bring humanity to a brutal end.

Advocating entirely for peaceful means, arkism thus points out the implicit danger that the maintenance of any hegemony entails. If Germany decides it is most determined to resolve all environmental issues maintaining its hegemony and even enforcing them by leading the way to a new type of environmental industry, something has not been understood, especially learning from the past. Industry in fact will inevitably generate new forms of power structures which will inevitably generate a whole new set of unpredicted catastrophes. Also this whole new industry under the German hegemony will turn people even more sterile and incapable of recovering their autonomy.

Arkism does not advocate to try to go against this whole new solar and wind powered panzer tank, there is no point in attempting anything aggressive no matter how sure it is the fact that this new hegemonic trend will bring disaster. There is not even the point in trying to lay in front of this tank hopping for it to stop its march. The locomotive of Europe is set to one direction with Germany being the engine and all the other states following like wagons. No matter if they protest they have no engine of their own to try to go under way.

So coming back to the arkist metaphor of the ship, in this flotilla formation other flotillas are appearing on the horizon in their own formation. One incites the other to get bigger and more powerful. There is absolutely no consideration on the fact that only by demolishing all these flotillas, only by granting the crews back with their human autonomy can the inevitable be avoided. This rush for industrialization, this rush to make society more like a ship seemingly transforming itself into a battleship is unquestioned. Institutions are built to maintain peace among nations, to safeguard the interests of the states representing them and yet in no time and without even realizing it back humanity is at war with one another, all these institutions are weaponized, the ship which was meant to guarantee a peaceful existence has transformed itself into a war machine.

War but settle different contrasting approaches each flotilla aims at, no matter the inner disputes that are more or less silenced especially in view of the bigger intercontinental conflicts to come. Clearly the world powers are going for another lesson

and clearly there is no way to stop them especially with their crew becoming ever more regimented. What can be done however is that of putting the whole self in the creation of the anti-ship. If the state is doomed to be the deadboat, the lifeboat rescuing whatever has to be rescued ought to be created.